

**Statement delivered by Belize on behalf  
of the Central American Integration System (SICA).**

**ADP Opening Statement  
Lima, Peru**

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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Member States of the Central American Integration System (SICA) - Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, the Dominican Republic, and my country, Belize.

SICA aligns itself with the statement made by Bolivia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Our region is strongly committed to the achievement of concrete results in the ADP here in Lima and on the road to Paris with the view to fulfill the mandate of the Durban Platform for enhanced Action.

SICA members consider that now is the time to move into an open, transparent and inclusive negotiating and focused format among parties. Given the interest we as Governments and our people worldwide have in the success of this process, we must avoid the huddle process which has come to characterize previous COPs.

We need to act with urgency to deliver upon the mandate of the ADP.

SICA wishes to signal our expectations for the ADP decisions in Lima.

*1. Overview*

SICA calls on all Parties to work constructively on all the elements for a balanced draft negotiating text and the work regarding information on Intended Nationally Determined Contributions as well as on the work-plan for enhancing mitigation ambition to achieve the 1.5 degree and help close the pre-2020 ambition gap, particularly by developed countries.

As an overarching consideration, SICA Member States underscore the centrality of the principles and provisions of the Convention, including, equity and Common but Differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, and the most recent scientific evidence, in the IPCC fifth Assessment Synthesis Report in the execution of the ADP mandate. These are the foundation upon which we should elaborate an ambitious, durable and effective agreement that will promote the participation of all parties in the fulfillment of the ultimate objective of the Convention.

## *II. Expectations for the 2015 Agreement*

Within that agreement, SICA Member States underscore that adaptation needs to be strengthened and the Adaptation Committee should be anchored therein. All the six elements identified in the ADP mandate should be reflected in a balanced and meaningful way in the agreement, including the transparency of action and support.

We also wish to underscore the importance of all elements of Article 6, which are fundamental for the effective implementation of the 2015 agreement, including developing skills for new and sustainable jobs, engaging all groups of society, communicating climate science and sharing information on climate change effectively, benefiting from traditional knowledge and indigenous practices for innovative climate actions effectively.

## *III. Expectations for INDCs*

With respect to INDCs, we stress the need to include all the elements of the ADP mandate. Further, we consider that the required information to be submitted should be based on the provisions of the convention and relevant decisions and may have different modalities as per the national circumstances and capacities on different issues.

## *IV. Expectations for Finance*

On finance, we must have clear commitments, and clarity on how scaling up the mobilization of 100 billion USD per year by 2020 to assist

developing countries in both adaptation and mitigation is going to be accomplished.

*V. Expectations on process*

Finally, given that we have decided that the ADP is intended to produce a protocol, other legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force, we must initiate discussions on the issues that would arise from a legally binding agreement that includes the legal implications of the different elements. We support the call for consideration of the establishment <sup>of a</sup> ~~a~~ <sup>mechanism</sup> ~~contact group~~ at the proper time that will consider legal aspects of such an agreement that have yet to be addressed.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman